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Weare Open Space Committee
Minutes of August 25, 2009

Members attending: Steve Najjar, Ian McSweeney, Pat Myers.

Guests: none

Chairman Najjar called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Steve and Ian suggested changes to the paragraph, *Other Land Contacts*, as follows: Steve said this paragraph should refer primarily to the Beudreaus since it had been much earlier that the McLanes contacted him and he has been unable to reach them since. Ian thought the wording should be changed to say that he had contacted Pricilla Beudreau after seeing that their property was for sale. The property is 209 total acres including a house, at the end of Sawyer Road. The owners could agree to subdivide off the house leaving about 200 acres to protect. Also, Ian thought the reference to the McLanes in the original draft minutes was because he may have mentioned that the Beudreaus are across Route 149 from the McLanes who had contacted Steve about their property. Ian made the motion to accept the minutes with the changes discussed. Pat seconded the motion. All voted to accept the minutes of June 23, 2009 as corrected.

Hawkes update— Steve reported that Shawn Hawkes wants to hold off on the closing on the additional 30acre parcel until he can determine if there is any financial advantage to closing in 2010 instead of this year. He is having Marcia Beasely do another appraisal in the next couple weeks. If he finds no advantage to waiting he will contact Steve to set up the closing this fall.

Stephen and Heidi Pope – Old Melvin Farm - Steve has heard nothing from Erik Masterson of PLC as far as if a match is still needed for the FRPP grant already secured to protect the ~20 acres of prime soils now in fields. Steve will follow up with Erik.

Beudreau Rt 149 – Ian continues to work with this contact.

2010 Warrant Articles— Steve suggested it was time to begin considering if there were protection projects that might benefit from warrant articles next spring. Ian mentioned some very small lots on Gettings and Jewitt Roads that might be worth contacting owners about. They are in areas near other conservation lands or priorities. Limited development potential may mean interested owners and reasonable costs. Ian volunteered to get names and addresses of the owners.

There being no further discussion, Pat made the motion to adjourn. Ian 2nd the motion, all voted yes and the meeting ended at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Myers
WOSC Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk, BOS, Merry Rice, WOSC files